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A Method and a System for Detecting

Communication Relaying Network Elements

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 **BOX PCT**

SIR:

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 20, without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

21. A method for detecting network elements relaying communications between a base station and a mobile station in a cellular communication network, said method comprising the steps of:

monitoring time delays between base stations and mobile stations; and